

REMARKS

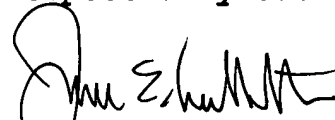
Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

At the outset, the Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 6, 7, 8, 12, 17, 18, 21-25 and 31 are allowed. The office action overlooks pending claims 26-30. Claims 26-30 are also considered to be allowed. Rejected claims 15, 16, 32 and 33 are hereby canceled; a divisional application may be filed subsequently to canceled claims.

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If any issues remain which may be best resolved through a telephone communication, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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